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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Takeshi Ido et al.

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For: STORAGE SYSTEM

Customer No.: 20350

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Examiner: Unassigned

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2186

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.